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**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR SECURE MESSAGE-  
BASED LEASING OF  
RESOURCES IN A  
DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 27, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 27, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.